

and to request it to make an appropriation to help defray the expenses of this survey. The General Education Board, in answer to our inquiry, stated that it would be glad to assist in making the survey, but that it desired to be given sufficient time to make the survey a thorough one. It has made an appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be used for this purpose. The General Education Board is now making a preliminary study of educational conditions preparatory to doing the field work. It is ready to send a man into the State as soon as the schools can resume normal operation. Your Commission wishes to have sufficient time to make this survey under normal conditions, and sufficient time and funds to allow it to make a thorough study of the "Findings" so it can make recommendations that will be helpful to our public schools. It will take two years to do this work with the degree of thoroughness that the importance of the task demands.

At the meeting of the Commission July 20, Mr. C. C. Wright was authorized to begin at once the codification of the school law. This he has done and his report will be found under the caption: "Education. Public, Public Local, and Private Laws. 1900-1917." This work was done in conjunction with Professor L. P. McGehee, of the State University. We note from this work that the school laws heretofore have not been indexed and arranged with sufficient care. As a result, many inaccuracies have made it difficult to find certain laws and to determine what exceptions to the general laws have been made. A casual glance at this part of the report of the Commission will convince any one that it is very necessary to have this part of the work completed with care. It is the opinion of your Commission that these laws should be codified and printed in separate volumes. The mass of Public, Public Local, and Private School Laws now in force in our State should be thoroughly studied and unified. There is much more work needed to be done by the Commission in this direction.

Your Commission employed Mr. W. F. Marshall of Raleigh to make a study and report to the Commission on the "Present methods and costs of public printing in North Carolina." On December 17, Mr. Marshall made a preliminary report to the Commission. This was studied carefully and Mr. Marshall was requested to continue and extend his investigation and formulate the same for the Commission's report. This he has done and his report in its final form constitutes the Commission's report, and will be found under the caption: "Present method and cost of public printing in North Carolina."

The Commission instructed me to gather data on the methods and costs of supplying text-books to this and other States, and to get information from the several states on the matter of public school teachers' pensions. The data at hand on the question of text-books is not sufficient to make a final report. The findings are set forth as a part of the Commission's report under the caption, "Methods of supplying text-books to the public schools." The same is true with reference to public school teachers' pensions. The findings will be found in this report under the caption, "Teachers' pensions."

The work to be done by the Commission was more than could be done in ten months, and will cost more than the funds at the disposal of your Commission. It is the desire of your Commission that this work be continued and that it be given until the General Assembly of 1921 to make its final report. It will take an appropriation of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the General Assembly of 1919 to defray the necessary expenses of the Com-